RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE DEL NORTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER’S ORDER CONCERNING TRANSIENT LODGING FACILITIES

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARSCoV-2,” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19, (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, while the complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not yet fully understood, reported symptoms and illnesses from COVID-19 range from mild to severe, including fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and illnesses resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 requiring all residents to heed any orders and guidance of state and local health officials to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National Emergency to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering compliance with the Order of the State Public Health Officer of the same date, which mandated that all individuals living in the State of California stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sections;

WHEREAS, the greatest concern to communities across the state, the nation, and other affected countries, is the ability to treat the number of patients that will present with severe respiratory distress requiring mechanical ventilation to sustain life due to limited resources;

WHEREAS, this disease has the potential to quickly overwhelm the healthcare resources of any community regardless of size; and

WHEREAS, Del Norte County has one hospital with 49 total beds and only 6 intensive care unit beds to serve its approximate 27,000 residents as well as regularly serving much of southern Curry County to the north (approximately another 7500 people); and
WHEREAS, neither residents nor nonresidents of the City should be traveling from their usual places of residence for the duration of the Governor’s Order except as expressly permitted as a means to accomplish essential functions; and

WHEREAS, staying in short-term lodging, defined as lodging for a period less than 30 consecutive days, to facilitate recreation, tourism or “sheltering in place” away from your ordinary residence is NOT an essential function, places undue strain on Del Norte County’s healthcare infrastructure and services, and is NOT permitted under the Governor’s Order of March 19th or the Order of the Del Norte County Public Health Officer dated March 17th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Crescent City, California that:

1. The City Council declares it is in full support of the Del Norte County Public Health Officer’s Order concerning transient lodging facilities issued March 27, 2020 as a prudent and necessary measure to protect the public health of the residents of the City of Crescent City and the County of Del Norte.

2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to do all things necessary to educate transient lodging operators, city residents and visitors regarding the restrictions placed upon local transient lodging facilities in Crescent City and to enforce said restrictions when necessary.

3. This resolution is effective so long as the Del Norte County Public Health Officer’s Order of March 27, 2020 remains in effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED and made effective the same day by the City Council of the City of Crescent City on this 27th day of March, 2020, by the following polled vote:

AYES: Council Members Fallman, Greenough, Kime, Wright, and Mayor Inscore

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Blake Inscore, Mayor

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Robin Patch, City Clerk